3 THINGS TO DO

01 LOL, folks

To keep your weekend pumped up, Fox in the Field is prepping up for an evening of laughter for their guests at their amphitheatre, Fox on Stage this weekend.

With over 100 shows performed across the country, talented stand–up comedian SumitAnand guarantees the audience a fun evening, as he explores topics like living abroad and living in general.

Where: Fox in the Field, Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield
When: June 10, 11
Tickets: bit.ly/3x3lkJq

02 Life of farmers

Bangalore Creative Circus is presenting a screening of 'Villages of Garo Hills', a documentary film by Abhishek Udaykumar. Villages of Garo Hills is a documentary about the way of life of farmers in Garo Hills, Meghalaya. It was filmed with the support of BAKDIL, a not-for-profit in Meghalaya. The film follows the lives of three villagers in different parts of Garo Hills, from the monsoon to the winter. The stories in the film discover their domestic life, relationships, and aspirations.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb
When: June 11, 5pm – 8pm
Register: Rs 75, https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus

03 Journey of the soul

Check out a special art exhibit called 'Jab Rooh Ne Parwaaz Ki' (When the soul took off) by artist Badrunissa Irfan. The art does not just speak the language of her heart but also brings forth her unforgettable life experiences. It also brought her closer to herself and aided as a stop in the journey of life at a bright and colourful place. Through the unique collection, the viewers will get an opportunity to appreciate nature's beauty.

Where: Galleria, 8th floor, UB City
When: Till June 30, 5:30 pm

Smart learning, AI-style!

CISCE to soon include robotics and artificial intelligence in its curriculum for Grades 9–12 to help students keep up with the times

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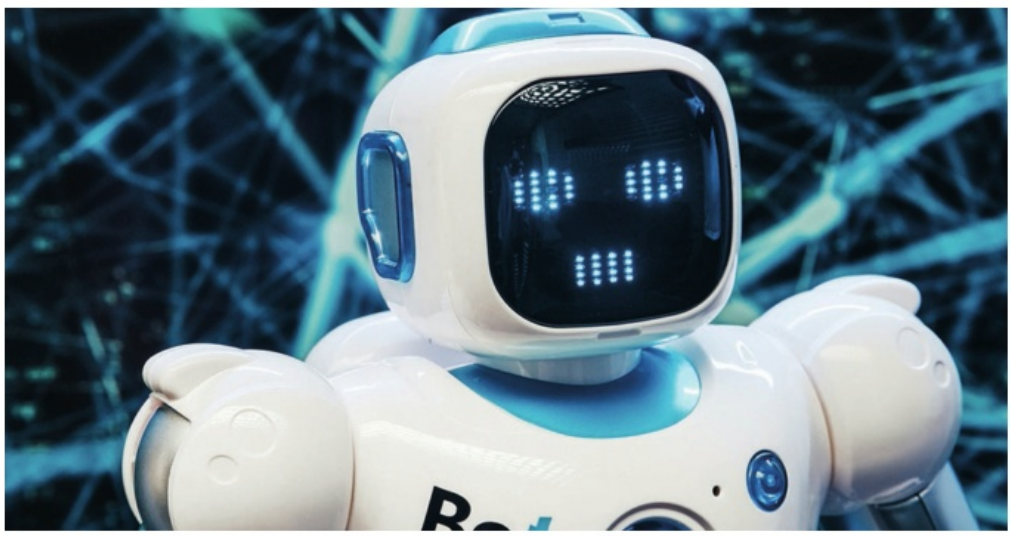

After CBSE, CISCE has decided to incorporate AI in its curriculum

Robotics and artificial intelligence are the hottest fields in today's world and to keep up with the times, the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has decided to introduce these two as subjects part of the curriculum for Classes 9 - 12.

CISCE's chief executive and secretary Gerry Arathoon said, "We plan to introduce robotics and artificial intelligence for students entering their ICSE and ISC board years."

Interestingly, the syllabus for these two subjects are being created by Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi.

Currently, CISCE follows the Central Board of Secondary Education which has already started courses in AI. According to CBSE officials, AI is being widely recognised to be the power that will fuel the future global digital economy. AI in the past few years has gained geo-strategic importance and a large number of countries are striving hard to stay ahead with their policy initiatives to get their country ready.

"India's own AI strategy identifies AI as an opportunity and solution provider for inclusive economic growth and social development. The report also identifies the importance of skills-based education (as opposed to knowledge intensive education), and the value of project-related work in order to 'effectively harness the potential of AI in a sustainable manner' and to make India's next generation 'AI ready'," said an official.

According to a CBSE handbook, AI covers a broad range of domains and is expected to impact every field in the future

As a beginning, CBSE had introduced artificial intelligence as an optional subject for Class 11 from 2019-2020 onwards. To enhance the multidisciplinary approach in teaching learning and also to sensitise the new generation, it was decided that schools were permitted to start AI classes from eighth grade.

CBSE is already offering various skill subjects at secondary and senior secondary level to upgrade the skills and proficiency of the young generation and also to provide them awareness to explore various career openings.

At secondary level, a skill subject may be offered as an additional sixth subject along with the existing five compulsory subjects, according to CBSE handbook on AI. On the rationale behind introducing AI, a CBSE official said, "As artificial intelligence is gaining the spotlight across applications in our personal and professional lives. We need to take charge of preparing ourselves and our students for the future. Hence, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce artificial intelligence as an elective subject."

Why AI?

According to the CBSE handbook, "AI theory and development of computer systems (both machines and software) are able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence. Artificial intelligence covers a broad range of domains and applications and is expected to impact every field in the future. Overall, its core idea is building machines and algorithms which are capable of performing computational tasks that would otherwise require human-like brain functions.

"Schools have an important and responsible role to provide learning opportunities for the students and guide them on the path to success. There is a need to channel learning towards applying innovative skills and application that will contribute towards a robust future in a sustainable world."

Back to single exam

CISCE has decided that it would return to the single exam for a year.
Arathoon said that CISCE would conduct only one exam at the end of the academic year 2023 for both the ICSE and ISC exams. The exams are likely to be held in February or March next year.

Showers that doused all forest fires

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Thanks to the pre-monsoon showers, forest fires have been greatly reduced in around Bengaluru this year and officials are relieved.

A forest official said, "This year, during the early summer, we spotted forest fires at Hulukadi betta and Makali Durga. However, the rainfall solved everything. Another issue during summer is severe scarcity of water inside the forests for wild animals."

According to him, this year, 50 per cent of the tanks have already been filled up and this would be enough for now. "We had taken adequate precautions like increasing the strength of watchers and then drawing fire lines to prevent the spread of fire. Another noticeable feature is that the green cover has increased."

According to India Forest Report, more than 36 per cent of the country's forest cover has been estimated to be prone to frequent forest fires. Nearly four per cent of the country's forest cover is extremely prone to fire whereas six per cent of the forest cover is found to be very high-fire prone.

The forest fire season in the country is normally from November to June. Majority of the fires are being caused due to manmade factors, the other reasons being persistent hotter and drier weather due to climate change.

Not just vegetation, animals too are safe from forest fires due to pre-monsoon rain and plenty of water in tanks

Bus lanes, on priority

Lanes to be extended to Mysuru, Airport, Hosur roads

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Public mobility in Namma Bengaluru is set to get a big push with the Bus Priority Lane (BPL) gearing up for extension.

Currently, the lane is operational on the Outer Ring Road stretch (Central Silk Board to KR puram).

The Department of Urban Land Transport (DULT) has now planned the extension of the lane from Tin Factory junction to Mysuru road (29.6 kilometres on either side). This project is to be developed by Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL). The DULT has also planned for 12.9 km on Hosur Road (Central Silk Board to Bommasandra) and 8.7 km on the Airport Road (Hebbal flyover down ramp to Bagalur junction).

According to the Performance Budget 2022-23 of DULT submitted to the State Government on June 3, "DULT floated the 'Cities on the Move Challenge-where there is a bus, there is a way' initiative to promote bus priority lanes."

The statement further reads, "Presently the following projects are developed in-house by DULT; BPL in Bengaluru (ORR and High-density corridors. BPL was implemented on both sides of ORR from Silk Board to Lowry Road Junction for a length of 34 km (17 km each side) by BBMP as per the designs prepared by DULT. The BPL network is planned to be extended to other corridors where road widths can accommodate such lanes. The DULT has already prepared designs for BPL for Outer Ring Road from Tin Factory to Mysuru Road for a length of 59 km (29.6 km each side) and shared the same with KRDCL for implementation. In addition, BPL has also been designed on the following corridors for taking up for implementation through NHAI. Hosur Road from Central Silk Board to Bommasandra (LHS) – 12.9 km and Bellary Road from Hebbal Flyover to Bagalur Road (LHS) – 8.7 km."

With Metro work being taken up on ORR, the width of the road has narrowed and the bus lane was the first casualty

Experts on the subject say it is high time for the BPL to become popularised as it will aid speedy movement of buses and also time to learn from challenges seen at ORR.

The BPL initiative was taken up on a pilot basis from the Central Silk Board to KR Puram from November 15, 2019. It has numerous advantages. For example, it would take 45 minutes to one hour to travel between the Central Silk Board to Tin Factory junction on the busy outer ring road. However, if the lane rules are followed strictly, the buses may reach the destination in less than half an hour.

According to traffic experts, BPL is an excellent move that lacks teeth at present. There is a need to educate motorists so that they don't intrude into the designated BPL lanes. The point of the bus lane is to prioritise buses and allow them to travel faster and attract a good crowd, reducing traffic and pollution in the process.

The 'first of its kind' experiment in the city will face hurdles along its path, but experts are confident that the problems will be fixed in the long run.

"The BPL, if executed well, may be a success on Hosur and Airport Roads. In Hosur Road, there are two-lane service roads on either side and BPL could be utilised there. As Hosur road has one of the highest numbers of buses plying, commuters benefit from it. Like Hosur Road, Airport Road is also a six-lane road with two-lane service road on either side. Currently there are BMTC buses that travel till Devanahalli, and a dedicated bus lane will be helpful," said Nanda Kishore, a techie.

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But authorities will have learn from the challenges of BPL on the ORR. With Metro work being taken up on ORR, the width of the road has narrowed down and the bus lane has been the first casualty. Similarly, Metro work has now been taken up on the Airport Road.

Experts suggest that the bus lane could be made beneath the Metro flyover on one side, but construction for the Metro is in the finishing stages on Hosur Road. Moreover, by the time the BPL is introduced, the work may be already complete.

Challenges the current BPL faces

There is a need for both the BBMP and traffic police to take corrective steps.

The BBMP had announced that the dedicated bus lane is operational from Central Silk Board to Tin Factory and then to Baiyappanahalli. However, the yellow line is missing in many places.

Bollards have also been removed, so motorists who need to share this road with the buses are clueless if the bus lane exists in the absence of a dedicated yellow line.

Another disadvantage is that bus lanes are of the same width even at bus stands. The real challenge here is that if one bus stops, then all the other buses must follow suit as they cannot violate the yellow lane rule and overtake.

There is a tendency among the BMTC drivers to stop for more than the designated time so that they can accommodate more passengers. This means an increased waiting period for buses behind the halted bus.

The demarcation of bus lanes has been a big debating point. For some time, BBMP tried to install bollards but came under fire for it.

Hence, the bus lanes were marked with two striped, yellow lines. The absence of barricades was still inviting violators, and with increased traffic, other vehicles easily sneak through the bus lane. In some stretches, the service road users were choking the bus lane as well.

File photo of private vehicles entering the bus priority lane at ORR

Survey to trace covid antibodies in unvaxxed kids

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has kick-started its sero survey involving unvaccinated children in the age group of 6-12 years on Monday. As many as 780 children have been identified in the BBMP limits for this survey.

The survey is aimed to understand the active covid-19 infection, the prevalence of seropositivity (covid-19 antibodies), the waning of antibodies following natural infection, the incidence of reinfection, and the prevalent strain of SARS-CoV2 among the unvaccinated age group.

Under the survey, nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs are being collected along with blood samples from all the selected children. The samples will be collected

by multiple health teams that are going door-to-door for the sample collection under the supervision of pediatricians.

"We have identified 780 children for the survey. Even if the test results are negative, the level of antibodies in their blood will give us an idea if children of this age have already been infected through family members or friends. This is our unvaccinated population and we want to understand if they have developed immunity and are somewhat safe from upcoming covid-19 waves," said Dr. AS Balasundar, chief health officer, Health Department, BBMP.

The results of this survey will be extrapolated to the city population of this age group and will give us an idea if this age group is protected from any upcoming covid-19 wave. The sample of those children who have symptoms but are found negative for covid-19 will be tested for other influenza diseases. This survey will also throw some light on the burden of diabetes among the children.

According to the BBMP officials, a statistically approved sample size that has equal representation from various sections of society has been taken.

A web-based application has also been developed for collecting the data during the survey.

The adult age group has been excluded from the survey as the outcome of the survey will not have any added implications considering the widespread omicron infection during the third wave and also the Covid -19 vaccination coverage in the state is over 97% in adults (over 18 years of age).

Even if test results are negative, the level of antibodies in blood will give us an idea if children have been infected

"Now with vaccinations against covid-19 in adolescents (15-17 years of age) and in children (12- 14 years of age) having started in January and March 2022 respectively, and as of March 31, 64% of adolescents and 44% of children (12-14 years of age) have been vaccinated. Hence those vaccinated for covid-19 will be excluded from the survey," said Dr Balasundar.

While the State's covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had recommended that the survey should be conducted in April this year, it got delayed and has begun only now.

Spaced out & boxed in on Kasavanahalli roads

Residents of area say vehicles parked all around road is leading to traffic congestion

Traffic jams are frequent in Kasavanahalli as the road has become narrower because vehicles are parked on both sides

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The residents of Kasavanahalli have been victims of mismanaged traffic for the past few months. They say that the unruly parking of vehicles has narrowed the space on the road, causing congestion.

There is no designated parking area, according to the residents who are highly inconvenienced because of this as vehicles are being parked in front of their shops and hotels.

The entire ordeal is hampering their businesses.

Govind K, owner of Ramdev Fancy store in Kasavanahalli, said, "There are always buses and other vehicles parked in front of my shop, that too during peak hours. So many times, people have overlooked my shop and crossed it because they could not find it hidden behind the buses. It becomes difficult to even take my bike out."

"The condition of this area is deplorable. The traffic is never ending. Instead of decongesting the road, several food aggregators and other delivery hubs have also come up in this area which is further adding to the parking problem," said a resident.

Kasavanahalli dwellers say they are in immediate need of better infrastructure plans as well as fixed parking spots for vehicles that would allow the commuters to travel without getting stuck in traffic.

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> –A resident of the area

They also say that the footpaths, which are meant for walking, are filled with vehicles and other makeshift shops. They complain that people park vehicles in a disorderly manner, causing a lot of chaos when there is heavy footfall.

Rajesh Gowda, another resident, said, "There is absolutely no space to walk on the footpaths. We are facing severe issues because of this. The shops and other vehicles have completely encroached the footpath and because of that the width of the road has also narrowed. We cannot reach our destination without getting stuck in traffic for hours. The officials should take strict action and come up with plans for better administration."

However, Chetan KM, Assistant Engineer, BBMP, said, "Every one-and-a-half months, we conduct an anti-encroachment drive on the footpaths to remove all the unlicensed shops and other things to make it easier for the people to commute. We are always trying our best to keep up with the issues."

Bengaluru has 2 lakh+ unauthorised buildings

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Close to two lakh houses in the city have been declared unauthorised.

According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), exactly 1,97,322 buildings have been identified as 'unauthorised' so far.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Projects) Ravindra PN said, "we have taken up the identification of unauthorised buildings which have been constructed since January 1, 2016 in Bengaluru City. These buildings have been categorised on two counts. Firstly, we have identified 36,759 buildings where the owners have received requisite plan approval from the BBMP. However, BBMP officials have visited 16,086 out of 36,759 buildings so far which have been found to be in violation of the approved plan."

"Secondly, there are buildings where owners have never taken approval at all. A survey from the civic agency has identified 1,81,236 such buildings. These owners either have not sought building plans and gone ahead with the buildings or have constructed in B khata sites where plan approval is not given. The High Court has directed the BBMP to complete the survey at the earliest. As far as B khata sites are concerned, a case is pending before the Supreme Court. We will take the next course of action based on the Court directives, but we will complete the survey till then," he added.

Highest number of illegal buildings is in Bommanahalli with 75,008 such constructions

The highest share of illegal buildings has been found in Bommanahalli (75,008), followed by RR Nagar (50,405), and the least in Dasarahalli (453). BBMP had earlier started issuing notices to the owners of buildings who constructed without approval of the plan. The survey work has created tension among building owners. BBMP officials said that they have taken up the work based on the directives from the High Court order. However, for the officials, it was a herculean task to find the buildings which have deviated from the approved plan. A limitation for them is the fact that plan approvals are given under Building Byelaws 2003 and Comprehensive Development Plan for the City. Property tax in Bengaluru is collected from 18 lakh properties.

Hoarding controversy

Many have pointed out that despite no permission being granted to put up hoardings in the city, BDA was permitted to do so at the Hebbal flyover.

Reacting to this, Ravindra said, "Hebbal flyover is maintained by BDA and hence it has every right to go ahead with the hoardings. BDA shares advertising revenue with the BBMP. So far, BDA has the sole right to display hoardings in its jurisdiction. However, I will check if any action can be taken by BBMP on the same."

30 per cent stray dogs yet to be neutered

The civic agency estimates the stray dog population of the city to be in the range of 2.5 lakh to 3 lakh.

"So far, we have neutered 70 per cent of the strays and the remaining will be neutered at the earliest. Meanwhile, we want to state that we have a helpline where Bengalureans can call if they have found any dog infected with rabies so that we can provide treatment. As no one has participated in the tendering process, we are taking up the process on our own," Ravindra added.

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Private footpaths

JP Nagar

Footpath being used as the point to sell a car at the 15th cross in JP Nagar 2nd phase. Complaints have been in vain.

Traffic trouble

Tin Factory

There is too much traffic in the Tin Factory with no traffic police.

VIP culture?

Bengaluru

An ex-MP sticker on this car. Does Bangalore RTO allow this?

'Unwell' investment costs man his entire life's savings

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A 38-year-old para-medical staffer is ruing the day he approached a couple that had set up a health camp near a park after his morning walk. The interaction which turned into a business association has cost him all of his savings, and the savings of his parents and relatives amounting to Rs 35 lakh.

The money was poured into the idea of a wellness startup where he was promised profit returns of up to Rs 2.5 lakh for every Rs 10 lakh that he invested. The Banashankari police have booked a case of cheating and criminal breach of trust against a couple identified by the cops as Sanjeeva Kumara RS and his wife Karamama Sahana, proprietors of Namma Wellness, a healthcare start-up situated near Devegowda Petrol Bunk on Outer Ring Road.

Victim Pradeep (name changed on request) told Bangalore Mirror that the couple used to target people who are health conscious and would want to invest into the health and wellness industry. "You can find this couple setting up health camps near parks early in the morning - under an umbrella, with a table and chair set-up checking blood pressure and random blood sugar levels for morning walkers - all for free," Pradeep told Bangalore Mirror.

This is how they get the contact numbers of people, he said. The couple then interact with the people who get tested and recommend more tests to be performed at discounted prices, if they get tested at their healthcare facility in Banashankari, said Pradeep.

Pradeep was one among such victims who came in contact with the couple in September last year. As Pradeep works in the healthcare field as a paramedical staff, Kumara came up with a business proposal with him.

"He told me that he had secured a contract from a reputed MNC, that he should conduct RT-PCR covid tests of around 27,000 of their employees in 90 days (three months). At the end of three months, after the reports are sent to the employees, the MNC would pay Rs 2.43 crore to him - which is Rs 900 as the cost of one RT-PCR test. He said the cost of one test was Rs 660 and the rest would be profits," Pradeep said.

Pradeep was interested to invest Rs 10 lakh, and promised Rs 12.5 lakh returns in 90 days. Kumara also asked Pradeep to spread the word.

Pradeep contacted his brother to do a background check and when he inquired, the brothers learnt that Kumara had been conducting such health camps even at reputed garment factories for women employees in the city. Satisfied that the firm was genuine, they decided to invest.

Pradeep somehow pooled in Rs 35 lakh - taking out savings for around 14 years, he also took his parents' retirement funds, his brother and his sister-in-law's savings and invested with the company.

Pradeep believed that he would get the profit returns - a lumpsum amount by December month for his Rs 35 lakh investment. December came and went and there was no sign of any money, and whenever Pradeep contacted Kumara, he is said to have dodged the calls or given excuses. Kumara also requested for some time as he had suffered losses in his business. Pradeep then approached the office of South division Deputy Commissioner of Police and filed a complaint. Based on his complaint, the Banashankari police have registered an FIR against the couple. "The accused have gone absconding and efforts are underway to trace and arrest them," said a senior police officer.

Twist in plot: Gang of 5 forges property papers to trap buyers

The Vidyaranyapura police on Wednesday arrested a gang of five including a woman for creating fake property papers to sell sites to gullible customers for cheap.

Th accused have been identified as Renu Gopal and his associates, Gouramma, Shankara, Prakash M and Shantharaju.

According to the police, the racket came to light after a cheating complaint was filed by a site owner of a residential layout in Chikkabettahalli. The police tracked down the accused Renugopal, from Agrahara Dasarahalli who acted as a middlemen.

Based on his information, they arrested Prakash from West of Chord road and an auto consultant by profession, who is the prime accused.

According to the police, Prakash used to engage his associates Shantharaju and Shankara to identify vacant sites in and around the city and using the address would get the registered copies of the properties from the Sub-Registrar office concerned.

Using the copies, the accused would create fake documents and posing as owners of the site would lure gullible buyers and sell the sites to them at cheaper rates to make quick money.

Using similar modus operandi, the accused have not only sold sites to many people, but also submitted the documents at the court and the police station to apply for bail, a police officer, said.

The accused have been booked under IPC sections of cheating, forgery and impersonation and further investigations are underway.

CRIME FILES

20-yr-old arrested for rape of 4-yr-old

The Yelahanka New town police, on Wednesday, arrested a 20-year-old labourer for sexually assaulting a four-year-old girl from his neighbourhood.

The accused, a worker from north Karnataka, is said to have lured the girl with candies, then taken her to an isolated place and raped her and escaped.

The incident came to light when the parents noticed the girl crying inconsolably and took her to the doctor who confirmed that she has been sexually assaulted.

The parents checked with the neighbours to find the accused was seen with the victim. Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused and arrested him. The parents of the victims are also construction labourers from north Karnataka, the police said.

The accused has been booked under various sections of POCSO and has been remanded to judicial custody.

2 months on, Ricky Kej to get his medal

Two-time Grammy Award winner and composer Ricky Kej is getting his Grammy medallion two months after being stuck at the Bengaluru Customs department on Wednesday.

Kej wrote on Twitter: "Goodnews: Thanks to the quick, swift intervention by the Customs, my medallion has cleared customs and will be delivered tomorrow. This wouldn't be possible without the officials going over and above their duty." —IANS

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The online examinations for the next Common Recruitment Process for RRBs (CRP RRBs XI) for recruitment of Group "A"-Officers (Scale-I, II & III) and Group "B"-Office Assistant (Multipurpose) will be conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) tentatively in August and September/ October 2022. The interviews for recruitment of Group "A"- Officers (Scale-I, II & III) under the same process will be coordinated by the Nodal Regional Rural Banks with the help of NABARD and IBPS in consultation with appropriate authority tentatively in the month of November 2022.

Candidates, intending to apply for CRP RRB – XI should ensure that they fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria on the stipulated date as specified in the detailed notification issued and hosted on authorised website by IBPS.

Activity	Tentative Dates
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Online Examination – Preliminary	August, 2022
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	September 2022
Online Examination – Main / Single	September/October 2022

* In case it is possible and safe to hold PET

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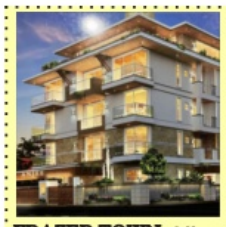

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Boy is said to have been lured by a woman who offered him chocolates when he was playing

A relieved father reunited with his boy who had gone missing

An 11-year-old boy, who was kidnapped by a security guard and his accomplices including two women, was rescued within three-and-a-half hours by the Bengaluru East division police after his parents lodged a case of kidnapping.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) (East) Division Bhimashankar Guled was approached by a couple from Hennur whose 11-year-old son had gone missing while he was playing in front of the house. The father of the son works as a BMTC driver.

He told the DCP that his son who studies in Class 5 had returned from school and was playing in front of the house when all of a sudden, he went missing. The parents combed the entire area asking their friends, relatives and neighbours, but in vain.

The parents later got a call from a random number demanding a ransom of Rs 50 lakh, and the caller blackmailed them that if they did not pay, their boy will be harmed. The caller, Gaurav Singh, also warned them that if they approached the police, their son would no longer see the light of the day. Guled then alerted the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Banaswadi) Ningappa Sakri. A case of kidnap was registered at the Hennur police station and two teams were formed under ACP's Sakri's supervision. "One team worked on the technical aspects and analysis of the calls and CCTV footage in and around the area from where the boy went missing and the other team, using conventional methods, started asking the locals.

The police later learnt that it was a woman who had lured the young boy with chocolates telling him that she would take him to a swimming pool if he came with her. It was around Tuesday evening when the woman took away the boy in an auto to a farmhouse in Hebbagodi. The technical police team's analysis of the ransom phone call located it to a tower in Hebbagodi, near Hulimangala in Jigani. Around 11 pm, the team reached Jigani. "It was a three-acre compounded farmland where two Nepalese families were living. They worked as caretakers and security personnel. The owners only visited during vacations," ACP Sakri said.

The team of police combed the entire area and the 11-year-old boy was rescued, unhurt. The team arrested Singh and confiscated his phone. While he was interrogated, he said that his brother's wife, Divya alias Durga, was the one who kidnapped the boy. "We began the operation around 12 am and by around 1.30 am, the boy was rescued," said Sakri. The cops are yet to nab Divya.

Give more teeth to panels to build child marriage-free society

A one-day state-level Civil Society Organisation (CSO) consultation on child marriage conducted on Wednesday concluded that committies have to strengthened and parents educated, for us to have a child marriage-free society. The event was organised by the members of Child Rights Trust and Initiatives for Marriage Adolescent Girls Empowerment on the effective implementation of PCMA 2006 and the protection of rights of the girl child.

Around 70 CSOs from various districts of the state participated in the meeting and discussed the importance of strengthening the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)s of all the committees working on the prevention of child marriage.

"The committees have to be strengthened and communities have to be sensitised if we aspire to have a society free of child marriage free society. Moreover, parents need to be educated about the ill effects of child marriage and the child marriage prohibition act to reduce the number of such cases in the state," said Priyanka Mary Francis, director, Department of Women and Child Development.

The consortium also discussed the importance of establishing Legal Literacy Club in every village to bring about behavioural changes among the community members and educate them about the legal aspects of the child marriage prohibition act.

"The real empowerment of women lies in their financial independence as it equips them with decision-making ability," said Shashidhar Shetty, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority. — BMB

GALLERIA

DGCA diktat: Wear mask or don't get on that plane

De-board passengers who refuse to wear face mask in plane: DGCA to airlines

Airlines must de-board any passenger before departure if they refuse to wear a face mask inside an aircraft even after being warned, aviation regulator DGCA said on Wednesday.

If any passenger refuses to wear a mask or follow covid-19 protocol in a flight mid-air, the airline may bar them from flying for a certain period of time by classifying them as "unruly passenger", the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in a circular. Besides, airport operators must take help from the local police and security agencies and levy fines on people not wearing face masks in terminals, it noted.

The circular followed a Delhi High Court order of June 3 which said the "DGCA should issue separate binding directions to all staff persons deployed at the airports and in the aircraft, including flight attendants, air hostesses, captains/pilots and others, to take strict action against passengers and others who violate the masking and hygiene norms". All such persons who are found violating the norms must be fined and persistent defaulters must be placed on the no- fly list, the court had said. The DGCA's Wednesday circular said airlines must ensure the passengers wear masks properly on flights and they are removed from faces only "under exceptional circumstances and for permitted reasons".

If a passenger needs an extra face mask, the airline must provide it, it noted. "The airline shall ensure that in case any passenger does not adhere to above instructions even after repeated warnings, he or she should be de-boarded, if need be, before departure," it said. In case any passenger refuses to wear a mask or violates the covid-19 protocol even after repeated warnings in flight mid-air, he can be treated as "unruly passenger" as defined in the DGCA regulations, the circular said.

The DGCA regulations give powers to airlines to ban passengers for a certain period of time after they have been declared "unruly".

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and other police personnel deployed at the entrance of the airport must ensure that no one is allowed to enter the premises without wearing a mask, it said.

File photo of fliers lining up for check-in at Delhi airport. Soon after flights resumed, covid appropriate behaviour was followed strictly, but since cases dipped, things have been lax

> **"Airport operators shall levy fines on those violating covid protocols in accordance with state regulations with help of local police and security agencies**
> – DGCA circular

All airport operators must increase announcements and surveillance to ensure that passengers at terminal are wearing face masks properly and following covid-appropriate behaviour at all times within the airport premises, it noted.

"In case any passenger does not wear a mask or refuses to wear a mask and follow covid-19 protocol, he should be fined as per the respective state law where the airport is located and he may even be handed over to security agencies," it said.

Airport operators must take sanitisation measures at airports and provide hand sanitisers or dispensers at prominent places in the terminal, it noted. "Also, airport operators shall levy fines on those violating covid-19 protocols in accordance with state regulations with the help of local police and security agencies for violation of covid-19 protocols," it added.

When Centre resumed scheduled domestic flights on May 25, 2020, after a two-month-long lockdown due to the covid-19 pandemic, the DGCA had made it mandatory for passengers to wear masks and follow other covid-19 protocol inside airport and aircraft. **– PTI**

ELSEWHERE INSTATE

Honour killing: 17-year-old killed

#MYSURU

In what could be a case of honour killing, a man killed his daughter for loving a boy of Dalit community and surrendered before the police in Mysuru district, police said on Wednesday. The shocking incident took place in Periyapattana police station limits. According to police, Suresh, the accused father, Tuesday came to the police station and confessed to the crime. Suresh, a resident of Kaggundi village, killed his 17-year-old daughter Shalini in the wee hours of Monday. Police said the accused father strangulated his daughter. Shalini of Vokkaliga community, was studying in 2nd year PUC. **– Agencies**

Karnataka, TN on a hunt for big cat

#CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu and Karnataka forest officials have launched joint combing operations to capture a tiger that has killed three cows in broad daylight at Talavady in Erode district in three separate incidents in the past two weeks. Forest officials in Tamil Nadu told IANS that farms were situated one km from the Karnataka reserve forest area and 6 km from the Tamil Nadu forest reserve area in Talavadi. A forest department official told IANS that the farmers are scared due to the presence of the tiger. Officials from the Talavadi Forest Range office in Hasanur division under the Satyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) placed cameras to monitor the movement of the big cat. The officials said that the pug marks have confirmed that the animal that killed the three cows was a tiger and that bushes in the barren land had turned out to be a safe haven for the tiger. The forest officials directed the farmers to clear the bushes on their land to prevent the tiger from using them as its hideout.

Holier than thou!

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the problem as soon as possible," said the traffic police constable manning traffic in the area.

Likewise, a sinkhole has emerged near a manhole in front of the Apollo Pharmacy on Vignana Nagar Main Road. A shop owner in the area, concerned about the civic issue, was kind enough to caution the motorists by setting up a small wooden frame at the sinkhole.

"The road was asphalted a year ago. It is unfortunate to see a sinkhole developing near the manhole. The BWSSB staffers shall dig the road again to fill the sinkhole. I pray to the almighty to make the BWSSB contractor fill the sinkhole properly this time," said Anand Mohan, a resident of Vignana Nagar.

It seems a sinkhole is in the making on Kempanna Road too where two educational institutions are situated. A few eateries are functioning in the area. "A sinkhole is developing near the manhole here. It may become a hurdle for traffic if the BWSSB authorities fail to fix this problem without delay. The manhole cover is not on par with the road surface. It will be good if the manhole cover is replaced with a new one," said Naveen Kumar, a resident.

A few motorists complained about manhole covers that are lower than the road surface as well. They said the BBMP and BWSSB must coordinate and work in synergy for proper maintenance of roads and manholes.

"I want the BWSSB engineers to ensure the height of the manhole cover is on par with the road surface. The height of the manhole should be increased whenever the road is asphalted," said Ashok K, an auto rickshaw driver.

Meanwhile, a BWSSB assistant executive engineer BM spoke to said he had already engaged workers to fill up sinkholes on Old Madras Road and Vignana Nagar Main Road.

RS seat deadlock: Cong, JD(S) stick to their guns

The talks between the Congress and JD(S) to find some kind of a partnership aimed at defeating the ruling BJP in the contest for the fourth seat in the June 10 Rajya Sabha polls from Karnataka seems to have reached a deadlock, with both parties firmly sticking to their stand as of now.

JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy had made an offer to trade second preference votes with the Congress but the main opposition on Wednesday made it clear to the regional party that it was now time for it to return the favour, pointing out that former prime minister HD Deve Gowda got elected to Rajya Sabha last time with its support in June 2020.

Six candidates are in the fray for the Rajya Sabha poll to four seats from Karnataka, necessitating a heated contest for the fourth seat. Despite not having adequate number of votes to win the fourth seat from the Assembly, all the three parties in the state -- BJP, Congress and JD(S) -- have fielded candidates for the seat, forcing an election. "If Congress really wants to defeat the BJP, we have already made an offer of transferring second preferential votes to each other. What else can I do? I had said let's forget all old things and begin a new chapter if you want to defeat the BJP," Kumaraswamy said. **– PTI**

Waste pickers wait for ID cards

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Lakshmi L, a waste picker, residing in Hebbal said, "I have not received an identity card. I am not even aware of it. After the covid period, we suffered from a financial crunch because we did not have much work; we could not go out. It is very difficult to make ends meet."

Runa Laila, residing in a slum in Hebbal said her husband is a rag picker. He had received an ID card in the year 2011. However, he has not been notified yet about a reissue of the ID card. "My husband received his ID card after going through a lot of trouble. He had to stand in a queue the whole day and returned only at night. We have not yet been informed about a card reissue. We hope it happens soon," Laila told BM.

Sowbhagya, a volunteer of Hasiru Dala, a not-for-profit organisation working with waste pickers and waste workers in the city said they provided ID cards to almost 8,000 waste pickers in the city. According to Sowbhagya, there are many workers who are working without ID cards. "Post covid-19 pandemic, a lot of people started collecting waste as a means of livelihood. They are still out there without ID cards," she added. "ID cards have been provided to the waste workers; reissuing of the ID cards will begin soon," a BBMP official told BM. He added that the local official of the area will be informed where the workers have not yet received their ID cards.

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The adventure begins

Tips to keep in mind before you start packing your bags for a trip

Travelling refreshes both the soul and the mind. These days, whether you're a seasoned traveller or a first-timer, any day or time you decide to travel is an excellent time to begin planning your next adventure. It doesn't have to be a long journey; a weekend trip to a different location can satisfy your wanderlust!

Because millennials enjoy travelling but may not want to splurge, it's critical to take advantage of all opportunities to save money with these travel tips before you start packing your suitcases:

Plan in advance

Plan ahead of time. You are possibly the most liberated you have ever been in your life. You are not constrained by the responsibilities of maturity, such as children, spouses, and other obligations. While the world is your playground, and packing up and leaving sounds appealing, you should think about organising. With so many options, it's best to plan your trip around the cheapest times. Even if it's off-season or at an odd hour of the week, it may be worthwhile. Do your research before deciding on a time and date.

Draw up a budget

Planning and budgeting are typically tedious tasks, but this isn't just any budget; it's a travel goal budget for an adventure you'd like to embark on. After you've determined where you want to go, it's time to figure out how to get there. Learn more about the destination to which you intend to travel, calculate your expenses according to your budget, and look for deals online to compare and cut costs throughout your stay.

A road trip

Booking alternative modes of transportation can be time-consuming and expensive. Getting in the car with all of your friends for a few hours may be the most enjoyable part of your journey. A road trip can be a great way to save money while still having a fun holiday. Stopping along the way at camp sites or homestays, for example, eliminates the cost of luxurious hotels and resorts, allowing you to truly experience the journey on your own terms.

Travel during the off-season

The time of year you travel may have a significant impact on your expenses. Off-season travel, on the other hand, usually results in lower airfares and hotel savings. Travelling during the off-season may result in less-than-ideal weather, but the savings usually outweigh the inconvenience. As you plan your next vacation, play around with different travel and lodging options. You might be surprised at how much the rates fluctuate.

Rent a vacation homestay instead of staying in a hotel

The costs are usually lower, and you get the opportunity to 'live like a local.' It usually includes amenities such as a kitchen and a washer, which can help you save even more money. You won't be charged extra luggage fees, for example, because you can do laundry. Alternatively, instead of eating out, cook a couple of meals at home.

Travel like a local

Explore destinations other than the usual tourist traps. Don't be afraid to explore your neighbourhood and interact with new people! This will enrich you with new experiences and create a journey that you will remember for the rest of your life.

It's important to remember that travelling does not have to be as expensive as some people make it out to be. Don't let others tell you that you're too young and inexperienced to see the world. If you are adaptable and open to new experiences, it could be the experience of a lifetime. Choose a destination, plan ahead of time, and go have a once-in-a-lifetime experience. —IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

'Healthy' food items that are doing you more harm than good

Post the pandemic, there's been an apparent shift in eating habits and more and more people have become conscious of what they put into their body. Many of us have started replacing our aloo paranthas with a healthy protein bar. But, guess what? You'd be surprised to find that most food items that are labelled as healthy are anything but. Curious? Keep reading to know all about it.

Baked Chips: Most people assume that baked chips are a healthy alternative to fried chips, but that's far from true. As the baked version lacks fat, they are often loaded with a higher amount of sodium. This is why it's always essential to check the ingredients and the nutritional value behind the pack.

Diet Soda: While yogurts are healthy, their sweetened versions aren't! Flavoured yogurts can contain huge amounts of sugar which you can easily avoid. So choose unsweetened yogurts and instead top them with fresh fruits for natural sweetness and crunch.

Protein Bars: People grab protein bars on the go thinking that it might satisfy their hunger and will provide them with the much-needed protein, but, that's not true. These bars are often loaded with artificial sweeteners, artificial colours, oils and preservatives, which is not something that you'd want to put in your body. It is better if you opt for fresh vegetables, pulses, nuts, and beans instead.

Sports And Energy Drinks: Sports and energy drinks are beverages to boost your energy and athletic performance. These drinks are loaded with sugar, artificial carcinogenic colours, and large amounts of caffeine. The high amount of sugar can lead to health issues such as high blood pressure, fatty liver, and obesity. It would be recommended to replace these sugary drinks with water to stay hydrated.

Whole Wheat Bread: You couldn't be more wrong if you're picking up a loaf of multigrain, or whole wheat, and thinking that you're making a healthy decision. Most of the bread is made of refined grains which do not contain the fibre of whole grains. Ensure you check the back of the product and scan the ingredients before buying the loaf. —Poulami Bhandari

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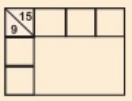
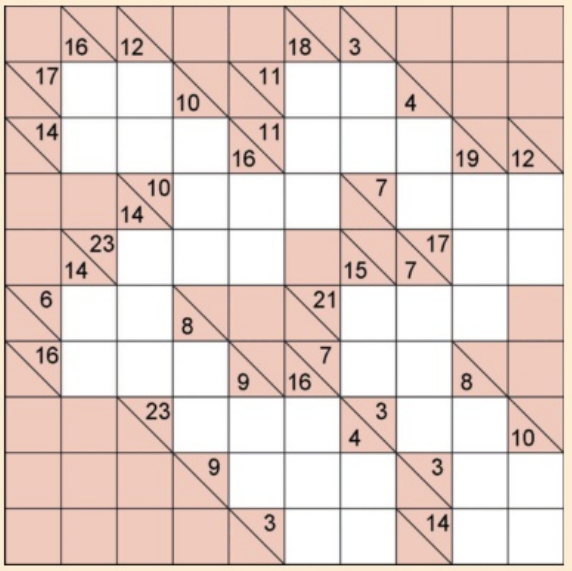
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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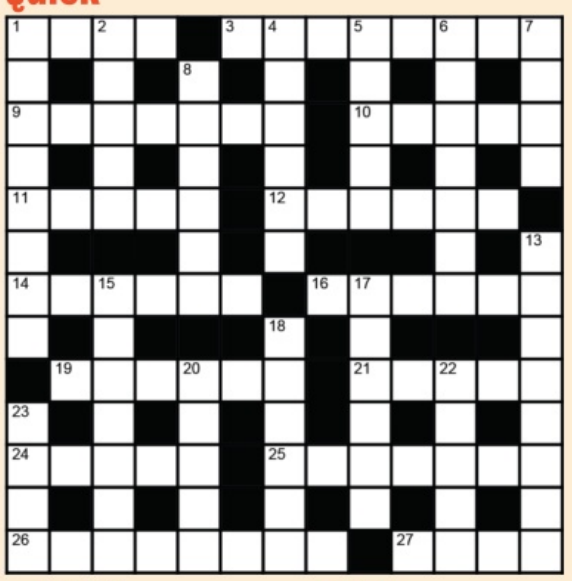


ACROSS

1 Inactive (4)
3 An addictive drug (8)
9 Dizziness felt because of height? (7)
10 Puritan (5)
11 Quick-witted (5)
12 Lasso (6)
14 Avoids, dodges (6)
16 Harden or become bonelike (6)
19 Occurrences (6)
21 Indian goddess of wealth (5)
24 Gone up (5)
25 Resounded or growled like thunder (7)
26 Ready to resist and fight? (2,2,4)
27 Mid-East VIP (4)

DOWN

1 Risked, staked or spent? (8)
2 Insect stage (5)
4 US moon mission (6)
5 To leap about (5)
6 Tidal wave (7)
7 Kitchen boss (4)
8 Zit (6)
13 The rotating part of a revolver (8)
15 Bangalore cinema home to India's first 4k screen (7)
17 Serious and dignified (6)
18 Hindu hermitage (6)
20 Japanese warrior (5)
22 Woody plant tissue (5)
23 Pakistani language (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS U

BAO UJQ BJJR KJIAOHIAK PJV OXA DJJTZAKK HZ IA, MZT CQTDA IA ZJO.

Linemaro

What do you do? Wait, let me guess. You sleep all day and bathe in milk

Mindchow

Some people like an advice so much that they frame it upon the wall instead of using it

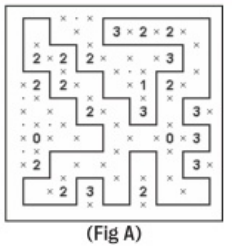
Joke of the day

Do people in Australia call the rest of the world "up over"?

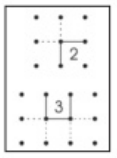
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

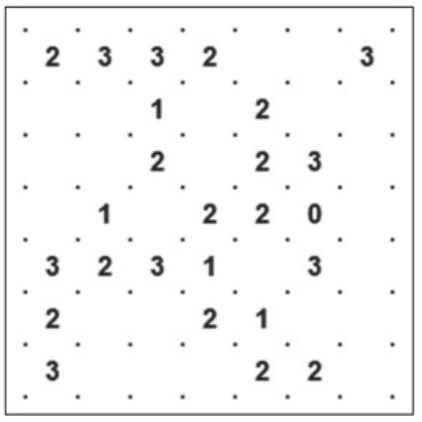


(Fig B) Not Allowed

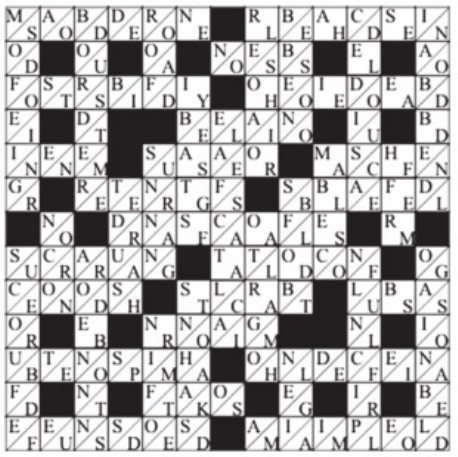
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



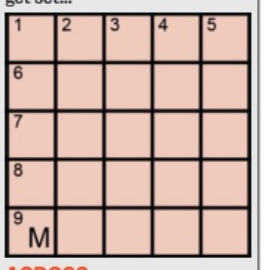
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

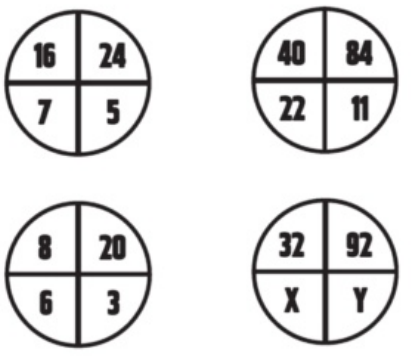
1 Ed set; 6 Pip Pa;
7 Shote; 8 Orach;
9 Shy MU

DOWN

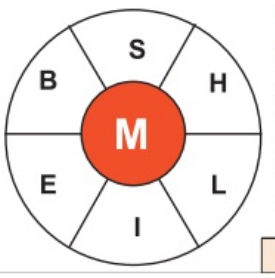
1 Perms; 2 Out at;
3 Heaps; 4 Cop he;
5 I'd shy

Mensapuzzle

What are X and Y?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

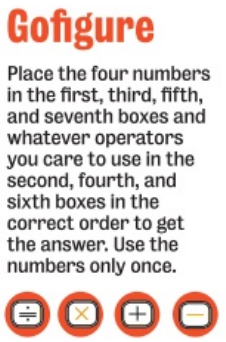
SudokuChallenge

	3	4	1					
	1						7	4
		2		3		9		8
			6		2			3
		3		9		6		
1			4		3			
8		5		6		1		
6	2						8	
					9	2	5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 12
3 8 8 9

Medium = 14
3 5 5 8

Hard = 56
3 7 7 3

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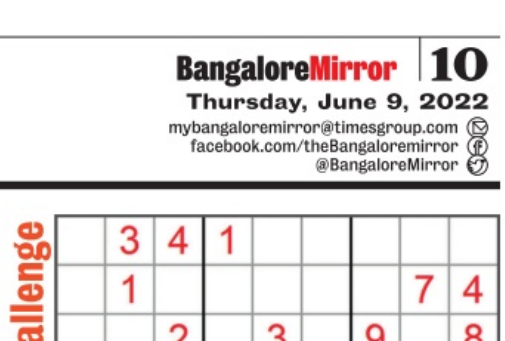
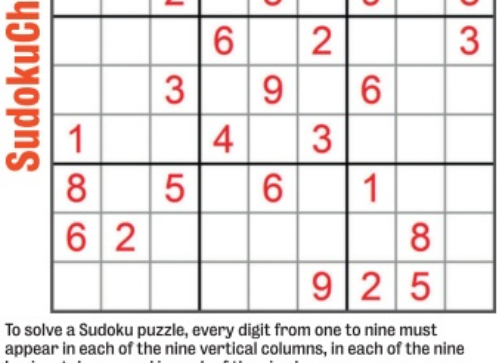


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cake is smaller. 2. Button is added. 3. Blotter is not as wide. 4. Top of desk is thicker. 5. Papers on desk are larger. 6. Lapel is different.

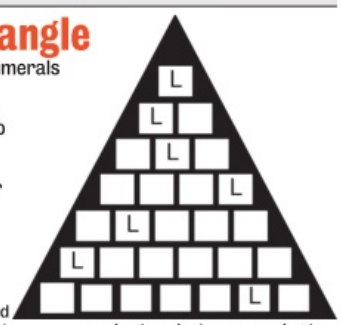
Riddler

When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Cord for igniting an explosive –> To employ; exploit
2. A hit to the boundary –> Belonging to us
3. To put in as much as possible –> Unwell; sick
4. High body temperature –> At any time; at all times

Alpha triangle

1 Fifty in Roman numerals
2 Scale member
3 Barley beverage
4 Williams's Camino
5 Acquit
6 More frilly
7 Cardiac chamber



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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I answered email, drank my coffee & solved the "Jumble" before the bus even rounded the corner.
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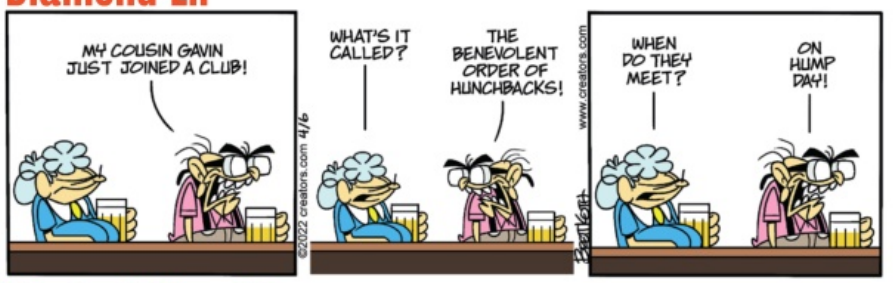

Hart of the city

HI, DANA! WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL TO?
I'D LIKE... TO GO TO... UH...
WHY CAN'T I THINK OF IT? WHY IS MY MIND BLANK?
I'D LIKE TO GO TO...
EGYPT! TO SEE THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA!
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel happy as the moon is on your side. Be patient at work. If your performance is good, you may get some incentives. Health-related issues of family members could be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to get a good job. Lovebirds may enjoy quality time.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you should help needy people. It may increase your reputation in society, other than it just being a good deed. Implementing innovation into your work can better your business. Positive results may be on the cards today. For love birds, it is a good day to plan outings or an adventure tour.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you might feel dissatisfied and detached from your responsibilities. This could lead to confusion. Hypothetical planning for your projects is not a bad idea. However, be practical in your work to complete it on time. Take care of your parents. It is advised to postpone migrating somewhere for some days. Remember to think before you act.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be enthusiastic and more focused, which would help you complete postponed projects. your siblings may help you to start a new project that will profit you soon. Expect short trips related to family issues. Job seekers may hear good news.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things. This would increase your financial health. You may feel more creative. Use it to decorate your office or home – this could enhance your social status. Lovebirds are likely to get support from family members to maintain their relationship status. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, so expect peace of mind. Externally you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense should remain calm and cool, helping you to balance everything. You could find yourself enjoying every moment in work and domestic life. Some new sources of income may open and help you to boost your savings.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel dull today. Keep an eye out for old health issues re-surfacing. You are likely to be a victim of fatigue, which might make you arrogant and lead it to affecting domestic harmony. Your profits could convert to losses. Think twice before making any financial transaction.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your inner strength will shine. Your losses may convert to profits and grow your business. With the help of your subordinates, you can make some difficult business decisions. Your performance at work may be praised by your seniors. Incentives could be on the table.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you should expect to be busy at work. Your wisdom will help you to take the right call to grow your business. You are likely to get a big order which would expand your work. Utilize your creativity to renovate your home or office and improve your social status. You may invest in creative assets.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today situations are under control. Messy situations from the past could clean up. Work with patience and reflect into your way of working. It is a good time to go for an outing. Students may have increased focus. Singles are likely to find love with a little help from friends or relatives.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you could be unhappy or impatient. Mood swings might make you reflect into your domestic life. You are advised to avoid being arrogant at work or you may create hidden enemies around you. Don't drive in a rush.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are likely to be optimistic and merry. As you spread happiness around you, you may feel harmony in your personal life. Expect quality time with the spouse. Family may support you to take some important decisions, possibly on the professional front. Expect some new ventures or partnerships in business.

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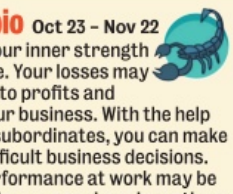
SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 15+5(5)*5
= 3(5)*5
= 15*5 = 75

RIDDLER
1. Fuse -> Use,
2. Four -> Our,
3. Fill -> Ill,
4. Fever -> Ever

STRIKE OUT



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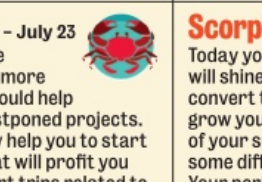

MENSA PUZZLE
X is 9 or 24; Y also is 9 or 24. In each case the numbers at the top are divided by 4 in the opposite quarter and 1 is added. An alternative solution is that the numbers in the lower quarters are multiplied by 4 in the opposite quarters and 4 is deducted from the result.

SUDOKU

3	7	1	8	4	9	2	5	6
6	2	9	3	5	1	4	8	7
8	4	5	2	6	7	1	3	9
1	9	6	4	8	3	7	2	5
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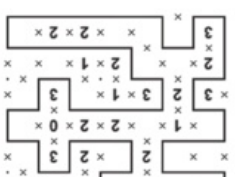
7	6	2	5	3	4	9	1	8
5	1	8	9	2	6	3	7	4
9	3	4	1	7	8	5	6	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, La, Ale, Real, Clear, Lacier, Auricle.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 8 + 3 - 8 = 12
3 x 8 - 5 - 5 = 14
Medium
7 x 3 x 3 - 7 = 56
Hard

LOOP



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FAST FIVE

S	T	E	E	D
P	A	P	P	I
E	T	H	O	S
R	O	A	C	H
M	U	S	H	Y

QUOTE UNCODE
Let you look sometimes for the goodness in me, and judge me not.

BULL'S EYE
BLEMISH, helm, limb, lime, mesh, mile, slim, slime, smile

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 # Harvey Weinstein to be charged in UK
British prosecutors said Wednesday they have authorised police to charge ex-film producer Harvey Weinstein with two counts of indecent assault against a woman in London in 1996

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Will she be Meena Kumari, for reel?

Looks like Kriti Sanon is all set to play legendary screen diva on screen

A few days ago, there were reports that Kriti Sanon is being considered for the Meena Kumari biopic. It was also said that renowned filmmaker Hansal Mehta will be helming the project. It looks like everything is locked and the actress might start prepping for the film.

Recently, Kriti was spotted leaving casting director Mukesh Chhabra's office. Surprisingly, she was joined by Hansal Mehta. Both of them were seen posing for the paparazzi outside Chhabra's office.

It has definitely got Kriti's fans quite excited.

Meanwhile, Kriti has an interesting lineup of films in her kitty. She will be seen in the Pan-India film, 'Adipurush' with Prabhas.

It is being directed by Om Raut. She also has 'Shehzada' with Kartik Aaryan by Rohit Dhawan. She has started shooting for 'Ganapath' with Tiger Shroff which is being directed by Vikas Bahl.

She will also be seen in 'Bhediya' with Varun Dhawan helmed by Amar Kaushik along with an unannounced project by Anurag Kashyap.

On the other hand, Hansal Mehta, who treated fans with the hit series, 'The Scam 1992', has 'Captain India' with Kartik Aaryan, 'Faraaz' and a web series.

— ETimes

When Dimple spoke of her split with Rajesh Khanna

Even before she could charm fans with her debut movie 'Bobby', Dimple Kapadia had found the love of her life. The actress was married to Rajesh Khanna on March 1973, six months before the release of her debut film 'Bobby'. However, a few years later their relationship soured.

A few years ago, Dimple Kapadia had opened up about the reason why they had parted ways. Speaking about the same on a show, the veteran actress had stated that they were very 'different kind of people' and that she was too young to understand the superstar because she was not one herself. Speaking about her marriage, Dimple had told Filmfare in July 1983, "Right from the beginning of my marriage I knew it wouldn't work out. My biggest failing is I don't take a stand. I let people stomp all over me. Finally, when I do put my foot down, it's too late." The couple had two daughters, Twinkle and Rinke Khanna.

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Trend-setter Vidya

Bollywood diva Vidya Balan took to her social media to share a very amusing short clip of herself. The 'Shakuntala Devi' actor took to Instagram and shared a short video of her, where she can be seen trying to do a new trend of Instagram reels and hilariously tumbles off while doing so. Sharing the video clip, Vidya captioned it, "Every trend is not for you"

Replying to this video of Vidya Balan, actor Ileana D' Cruz, wrote, "Bahahahahahaha you hilarious but we all know that you can totally smash any trend" while actor Dia Mirza dropped a heart and a laughing face emoticon in the comment section.

After watching the video, fans just can't keep calm and they bombarded the comment area with heart and laughter emoticons, showing their love for the actor.

Vidya also keeps entertaining her fans and admirers by posting funny videos, on a regular basis, on her social media handles and her fans are always enthralled by her high humour quotient.

On the work front, Vidya Balan was last seen with Shefali Shah in the film 'Jalsa', which is a production of T-Series and Abundantia Entertainment and is directed by Suresh Triveni. She will soon be seen in 'Neeyat' and another untitled movie directed by Shirsha Guha Thakurta.

Nayanthara, Vignesh to tie the knot

South cinema's hottest couple Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan are sealing their six years of courtship and love with marriage. The couple is tying the knot on June 9, in a star-studded ceremony held at Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu. The who's who of cinema, and politics will be gracing the wedding and the couple has signed the deal with an OTT giant to exclusively cover the event. As the lovely couple is set to embark on a new journey, here's wishing them all the best.

Mixin' it up

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With monsoon standing by, sinkholes are appearing near manholes across Bengaluru inconveniencing motorists and traffic police

HOLISTIC APPROACH

Poorly compacted soil, leaking pipes cited

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is not lagging behind any civic agency in causing inconvenience to motorists and citizens this monsoon.

The sinkholes that have appeared around manholes maintained by the BWSSB have become a hurdle for the smooth movement of vehicular traffic on various roads across the city.

Sinkholes near manholes or underground drainage pipes develop because of poorly compacted soil or as a result of water leaking from the pipes. With the menace becoming a routine during monsoons, traffic police are finding it difficult to regulate movement of vehicles on busy roads where such sinkholes have become a regular fixture.

For instance, the police have to set up a barricade near RMZ Infinity Technology Park on Old Madras Road cautioning motorists about a sinkhole in the stretch.

"I have informed the BWSSB engineer in charge about the sinkhole and he has assured me to fix

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"I want BWSSB engineers to ensure the height of the manhole cover is on par with the road surface.

— Ashok K, auto rickshaw driver

Waste pickers' IDs not renewed

Out of '25,000-odd waste pickers', BBMP had provided ID cards to 10,000 back in 2011

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Waste pickers in the city have still not received new identity cards from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Sanitary workers BM spoke to said they were given ID cards back in 2011, that are now yet to be renewed.

That said, waste pickers in the city continue to work in the midst of harsh conditions. They are struggling to make ends meet, more so, after the pandemic.

Several waste pickers continue to work without ID cards which bars them from receiving basic benefits such as healthcare, pension as well as banking facilities.

The ID cards BBMP had issued back in 2011 have a validity period of ten years. However, the process for reissuing new ID cards has not yet started as expiry of the old ID cards are imminent.

According to a report by Global Alliance of Waste Pickers, there are as many as 15,000 to 25,000 waste pickers in and around Bengaluru. However, BBMP had identified and provided ID cards to 8,000 to 10,000 waste pickers in the city.

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